



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 17 of the United States Constitution.

Synopsis: United States senators. Directs the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning the repeal of the seventeenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the appointment of senators by the legislatures of the several states.

Effective: A constitutional convention is called when 2/3 of the state legislatures make application to the Congress to call a constitutional convention to consider an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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January 18, 2011, read first time and referred to Statutory Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning elections.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Congress of the United States is directed to
2 call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing the
3 following amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

4 "ARTICLE ...

5 SECTION 1. The seventeenth article of amendment to the
6 Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 2. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of
8 two Senators from each State, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six
9 years; and each Senator shall have one vote.

10 SECTION 3. If vacancies happen by resignation or otherwise during
11 the recess of the legislature of any State, the executive thereof may
12 make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature,



1 which shall then fill such vacancies.

2 SECTION 4. This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect
3 the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes a valid
4 part of the Constitution."

5 SECTION 2. That certified copies of this resolution be sent to the
6 presiding officers of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary
7 of the Senate and the Clerk of the United States House of
8 Representatives, to the presiding officer of each chamber of each state
9 legislature in the United States, and to the members of the Congress of
10 the United States from Indiana.

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